MR. N. K. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara*) : In regard to the answer to part (*a*), may I know what amount out of this Rs. 1,000 was actually spent during 1106 ?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : I cannot say.

MR. N. K. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara*) : In regard to the answer to part (*c*), may I know whether the whole quantity of milk used in the Prison was consumed by these six persons alone or by others as well ?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : Only the average is given.

MR. N. K. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara*) : May I know whether the whole quantity supplied to the Prison was *actually* consumed by these six persons ?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : Milk diet has been prescribed only for these six persons.

MR. N. K. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara*) : In regard to part (*b*) may I know who supplies Nestle's Ideal Swiss milk ?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : A contractor.

MR. N. K. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara*) : In regard to part (*d*), may I know whether, at any time after the milk supply was given on the contract system, the market rate was actually lower than the rate at which the contractor is paid ?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : I claim notice.

MR. N. K. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara*) : Answer to part ( ) is in the affirmative. May I know what was the result of the trial ? Did they find cow's milk more costly ?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : The cow's milk was not discontinued on considerations of cost. The then Durbar Physician reported that cow's milk may become putrified and that it would be safer to use Nestle's Ideal milk.

Construction of a new building for the V. M. School, Malayinkil.

257. **MR. N. K. KRISHNA PILLAI** (*Neyyattinkara*) : With reference to the Malayinkil V. M. school in the Neyyattinkara taluk, will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether the present school building is in a dilapidated condition ;

(*b*) whether an estimate has been prepared by the Public Works Department for putting up a new building, and, if so, when ; and

(*c*) why the new construction has not been ordered ?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) No.

(*c*) This part does not arise in view of the answer to part (*b*) above.

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MR. N. K. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara*): May I know when the authorities reported that the present school building was in a dilapidated condition?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): There was a letter from the Inspector of Vernacular Schools, dated the 10th July 1930, to the Director of Public Instruction that the school was in a very unsatisfactory condition.

MR. N. K. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara*): May I know whether any steps were ordered to be taken by Government in pursuance of that letter?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): The Director of Public Instruction forwarded to Government a proposal for the construction of a new building, and Government gave administrative sanction to that proposal.

MR. N. K. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara*): The anser to part (*b*) is in the negative. Will the member please refer to the relevant records before him and say whether it was not a fact that an estimate was actually prepared?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): There was a rough estimate prepared with a view to accord administrative sanction. But the final estimate has to come from the Department of Public Works. Only then, can Government sanction the construction of the building.

MR. N. K. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara*): From the answer now snpplied by the Chief Secretary, am I to understand that there was no final estimate prepared?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): A correct and final estimate depends on the site to be chosen, and also on many other considerations.

MR. N. K. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara*): May I know whether the Government are aware that the present school building has been closed and the school is now being housed in a private building?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Yes. The original building is reported to be in a dangerous condition.

MR. N. K. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara*): May I know when it was reported like that?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): I cannot give the date. The Director of Public Instruction has reported about that in his letter dated 29th July 1932.

MR. N. K. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara*): Will the Government be pleased to take necessary steps for putting up a new building, in view of the fact that the present school building has been closed?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): First, a site has to be chosen. After that an estimate has to be prepared by the Public Works Department; and then Government will consider that.

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MR. N. K. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara*): Am I to understand then that no definite steps have been taken as yet for the purpose?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): The question of selecting a site is under correspondence. When that is settled, Government can take definite steps.

Mr. Raman Menon, Sheristadar, Division Cutcherry, Trivandrum.

258. MR. N. K. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether Mr. Raman Menon, the present Sheristadar, Division Cutcherry, Trivandrum, is drawing his maximum salary of Rs. 125;

(*b*) his qualifications, general and departmental;

(*c*) his total service;

(*d*) whether it is a fact that he has put in longer service and draws a higher permanent salary than many of the Stationary Magistrates now acting as Tahsildars; and

(*e*) whether he has memorialised the Government stating his claims for promotion, and, if so, what they have done regarding the same?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) B. A., B. L., Revenue, Account and Survey Tests.

(*c*) He has a total service of 22 years, 2 months and 8 days on 11-12-1107.

(*d*) The member is referred to the *Civil List*.

(*e*) The answer to the first part is in the affirmative. Government recently appointed him as an acting Stationary Magistrate, but he declined to accept the place.

MR. N. K. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara*): Answer to part (*d*) refers me to the *Civil list*. It is seen therefrom that most of the acting Magistrates are juniors to this gentleman in point of service and pay. May I know why this gentleman has been appointed, to *act* as Magistrate only now, while his juniors have been confirmed as Magistrates long ago?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): There was a record against him to say that he was short of hearing.

MR. N. K. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara*) Are the Government now prepared to revise that?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Government are prepared. But the gentleman himself is rather reluctant to undertake the duties of a Magistrate because of his deafness.

MR. N. K. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara*): If there was a record sometime back, may I know why the same record has not stood in the way of his appointment now?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): That is because I personally had a talk with him, and I found that he could hear sufficiently well; and hence the appointment.

MR. N. K. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara*): May I know whether the present appointment was made in view of the fact that he was decidedly junior to others who have already been appointed, or, if not,

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